

Final Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
September 8, 2014

Attendees: David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Rocky Vogler, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa
James Smith, Town of Windsor
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Dan Takasugi, City of Sonoma
Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma
Leonard Olive, City of Petaluma
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Jeanne, SCWA
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Lynne Roselli, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Deborah Tavares
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
John Rosenblum

1. Check-in

Chair Chris DeGabriele called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

2. Public Comment

Deborah Tavares made comments on the proposed EPA definition and role to clarify water of the U.S. She further commented that Goldman Sachs is pursuing privatization of water systems and she will send a report to Linda Hall to be forwarded to the committee.

3. Water Supply Conditions and Summer Water Conservation

Chris DeGabriele commented on the FY 2013/14 water use report forwarded to the group from Brenda Adelman and that the report does not take into account local water supply. Santa Rosa held a successful D.I.Y. Outdoor Drought Solutions Event on August 23, at which 800 attended. The supplies for the event can be borrowed by others for their use. The reporting tool from the State Water Resources Control Board was discussed. The Town of Windsor reported they are not using population fluctuations in their reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board. DeGabriele commented North Marin Water District is prorating the population since there have been no guidelines from the state on specific reporting requirements.

Brenda Adelman asked how to get monthly reports from the State.

Deborah Tavares stated that Sebastopol will not comply with Stage 3 water conservation requirements determined to be needed by the State. DeGabriele clarified that Sebastopol does not receive their water supply from SCWA.

4. Temporary Urgency Change Order

Pam Jeane, SCWA, reported that Lake Mendocino is at 28% storage capacity and Lake Sonoma is at 62% storage capacity. Outflow from Mendocino has been reduced to preserve storage pursuant to the order. She reviewed the requirements stipulated in the approved Temporary Urgency Change Order. SCWA is in constant contact with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding Russian River flow requirements to maintain fish passage and habitat. The outflow from Lake Sonoma has also been reduced. Dry Creek will have a new fish monitoring station installed. Water quality is also being monitored. A report will be filed when the order expires. A Water Demand Reduction Plan will be required by the Temporary Urgency Change Order. The order ends if we get into the flood pool at Lake Mendocino or at 180 days, which is February 10, 2015. Brenda asked when Lake Mendocino will run out of water. In reply SCWA advised Lake Mendocino is not expected to run out of water, and the rate of storage decline has been reduced over the last two weeks to maintain the water supply. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District has also received a Temporary Urgency Change Order and has requirements that must be met. Their cooperation will help SCWA determine how to manage the in stream flows.

5. SCWA Rate Study

Lynne Roselli, SCWA, reported that a wholesale water rate study is being conducted by FH&H Consultants. Two technical memoranda have been submitted to SCWA. The memorandums will be provided sometime in October to a TAC ad hoc subcommittee for review and suggestions.

David Keller asked that any proposals for changes be available to the public.

DeGabriele commented that when the WAC has information it will be shared with the public.

6. FY2015/16 LRT2 Program Funding

The local supply recycled water and tier 2 water conservation program was started in 2001 with \$13M to develop additional water contactor local supplies, recycled water and expand water conservation efforts. \$11M has been approved by the WAC, with \$10.5M disbursed. Santa Rosa has not fully encumbered their funding allocation. Santa Rosa has been asked to submit any projects to be included so the funds can be disbursed to support those projects. David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa, stated that projects are being evaluated now to request funding.

7. August 24 Napa Earthquake Emergency Response

Chris DeGabriele asked for comments on SCWA and water contractor response to the Napa earthquake. Pam Jeane advised SCWA was initially most concerned about the Sonoma Valley waste water treatment plant they maintain, but there were no problems created by the quake. Power was lost in one location. Sonoma and Eldridge tanks on the Sonoma Aqueduct were not damaged. All facilities have been checked and no

damage has been detected. Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati, reported that Cotati had a loss of power for a lift station which was quickly restored. The City of Sonoma had no damage and ground water levels were constant. Private water storage tanks in Sonoma had some damage, but no leakage. The City of Santa Rosa has the ability to quickly identify any pressure drops and no problems were detected. A few property side leaks were reported, but Santa Rosa city system leaks were not found. North Marin had no noticeable problems. The State Public Health Department and Water Agency Response Network was utilized for Northern California. Emergency response crews were sent from other agencies to assist Napa in recovery.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA, reviewed the Biological Opinion Status Update distributed at the meeting. The demonstration project for this year is under construction, with miles two and three under planning. Funds from the Army Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program are being solicited to augment local funding. The Mirabel fish ladder project continues. The Estuary has been open for the entire summer. Outreach continues in the Dry Creek Area to keep residents informed of all the construction activity for the restoration process.

9. Water Bond Update

Chris DeGabriele gave an update. Legislation has been passed for the Water Supply Improvement Act of 2014. The bond is for \$7.8B. He listed the amounts that will go to various projects.

10. Items for Next Agenda

October 6 TAC Meeting

Water Supply Conditions and Summer Water Conservation
Biological Opinion Status Update

11. Check Out

Next TAC meeting is October 6
Next WAC/TAC meeting is November 3

Meeting adjourned at 10:10a.m.